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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, the 26th July 1962.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI S. CHELLAPANDIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

கனம் சபாநாயகர்: கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் மூன்று கேள்விகளுக்கும் சேர்த்து பதில் அளித்துவிடலாம்.

Arrests (D.M.K. agitation)

* S.N.*Q*. 2.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the total number of arrests made so far since 19th July 1962, in connection with the D.M.K. agitation and the subsequent incidents in Madras City and other districts, respectively?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The total number of persons arrested for picketing the Collectorates and other Revenue Offices is about 8,100.

Besides these, 1,062 persons were arrested for disorderly conduct in the City of Madras and of these, 949 have been convicted so far. About 820 persons have also been arrested in the City under section 151, Cr.P.C. These persons have been remanded.

In Vellore, besides those arrested for picketing, 23 persons were taken into custody for offences of rioting and other disorderly behaviour. The case is pending trial. A few others concerned in the case are absconding.

* S.N.*Q*. 3.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether charge-sheets have been filed against all the Members of the Assembly who have been arrested in connection with the D.M.K. agitation in July 1962?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Eighteen Members of the Legislative Assembly have been arrested under section 7 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1932. Charge-sheets are being filed.

* S.N.*Q*. 4.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the steps taken in the jails to cope up with the sudden increase of prisoners due to the agitation by the D.M.K. and the subsequent incidents?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : About 8,000 persons arrested in connection with the picketing organised by the D.M.K. are now in prison. Of these, about 7,000 are kept in